

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDER NO. 94-917
SEPTEMBER 6, 1994

IN RE: United Utilities Company -) EMERGENCY
 Shoals Subdivision) ORDER

This matter comes before this Commissioner on the complaints of the citizens and residents of the Shoals Subdivision currently served by United Utility Companies, Inc., and upon the request of the Commission Staff. The Citizens report that they have received notices stating that their sewer service shall be cut off unless certain unpaid tap fees are satisfied. At least one of the citizens alleges that her tap fee was paid. After some investigation, it appears that there are multiple questions to be answered about this situation. It further appears that the citizens of Shoals Subdivision stand to be damaged by the termination of their sewer service with so many questions of fact being unresolved.

Our Regulation 103-886 states that, when it appears to the Commission Staff that a utility is planning to disconnect its service to customers in violation of the Commission Rules and Regulations and under circumstances which prevent the full Commission from meeting to address the issue, upon the request of the Commission Staff, any one Commissioner may issue an Order on behalf of the Commission restraining and/or enjoining a utility

from disconnecting service or requiring the utility to maintain the status quo with its customers until further Order of the Commission. Thereafter, at the next scheduled Commission meeting with proper legal notice, the full Commission shall consider the Order of the single Commissioner and take such action on the single Commissioner's Order as it deems appropriate.

As was stated, it appears that United Utility Companies, Inc. intends to cut off the sewer service of the residents of the Shoals Subdivision, potentially in violation of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. At this time, the full Commission may not meet on this matter until at least September 13, 1994. Therefore, I believe that it is appropriate, upon request of the Commission Staff, to hereby restrain and/or enjoin United Utility Companies, Inc. from disconnecting the sewer service for all the residents of the Shoals Subdivision, and therefore maintain the status quo, until the full Commission may consider the matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. United Utility Companies, Inc. is hereby restrained and/or enjoined from disconnecting the sewer service in the Shoals Subdivision until further Order of the Commission.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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